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BY THE

Covernor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 21, 1975

As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV, Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of H.B. 1481, passed by the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975, and hereby file such Bill with the Secretary of State, State of Texas, setting forth the following objections:

Senate Bill 52, Acts of the Sixty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, provides \$9,000,000 in general revenue funds for the implementation of a new alternate care program to serve, in community programs, delinquents committed to the Council and other "pre-delinquent" youth. The Youth Council has budgeted funds for this program to provide direct and indirect services to more than 7,000 youth. Additionally, sufficient funds are appropriate d in S.B. 52 to upgrade the operations at the existing institutions for juvenile delinquents. Funding is included for one facility not originally contemplated by the Council.

The Texas Youth Council will begin this upcoming biennium to seriously explore and utilize alternatives to institutionalization. At this time, it is difficult for the Council to determine the impact these programs will have on the need for the type of facilities contemplated by H.B. 1481. With this new program element available to the Council, that has yet to be tested, it would be imprudent to extend the institutional capacity at this time.

Other factors to be considered are the cost constraints involved. The rider contained in S.B. 52 that appropriates the funds for the two facilities limits expenditures to \$825,000 for each project. It is questionable, based on the available information, that the projects envisioned by H.B. 1481 could be constructed with these funds. Therefore, the probability that even more funds would be required in the next

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biennium to complete the projects is very high.

For these several reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 1481.

H.B. 1481 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 64th Legislature and, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas, this Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed hereto at Austin, Texas, on this 21st day of June, 1975.

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Governor of Texas

Secretary of State